

Know all men by these presents that we Barnabas Coleman house Carpenter and Robert Brayton Cooper, both of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being Owners in the North meadow Shares, number Twenty four, Twenty five and Twenty Six. Do agree to divide, and set off to each other for our mutual Advantage and Accommodation, the said meadow land as follows. First it is agreed that Barnabas Coleman shall have his full proportion of the said three Shares, at the East end of the Share number Twenty Six called the Grey Share, beginning at the North East bound of a road or highway which is made by us and others on the South side of the said Grey Share, extending to the Westward on the North side of the highway Two Rods, from thence to the Northward on a right angle line, to the North side of the Share, from thence to the Eastward on the North line of the share to the highway at the east end of the Share, from thence to the first bound containing Six Rods and Seventh Eighth of a rod more or less, to <sup>be</sup> and remain to him his heirs and assigns forever.

Next it is agreed that the said Robert Brayton shall have in the Share number Twenty four, three quarters of a Rod and in the share number Twenty five Two Rods and two fifths of a rod which belonged to the said Barnabas Coleman, and the remaining part of his right, share or Interest in the said Shares, which belongs to him the said Robert Brayton, he shall have in number Twenty Six adjoining and to the Westward of that part set off to the said Barnabas Coleman and shall abide and remain to him his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness whereof we the said Barnabas Coleman and Robert Brayton have hereunto set our hands and seals this Third day of the Tenth month called October in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred and Eight.

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
in presence of us —

Hezekiah Swain  
Joniah Barker —

Barn<sup>d</sup> Coleman

Robert Brayton

Nantucket 3<sup>d</sup> October 3. 1808 Then personally appeared the above named Barnabas Coleman and Robert Brayton and acknowledged the above written Instrument by them Signed to be their free Act and Deed

before me Joniah Barker Jr. Peace



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Re Oct<sup>r</sup> 13. 1808

Recorded in the Twentieth  
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Barnabus Coleman  
& Robt Brayton  
Deed of Division of  
North Meadows



KNOW all Men by these Presents,

That I Arnold Remsen of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mariner, For and

in Consideration of Five Hundred and Five Dollars and Eighty Four Cents paid by Robert Brayton of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cooper, and Charles Pitman of Nantucket of a said Cooper Equally between them

the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Robert Brayton and Charles Pitman and to their several Heirs and Assigns forever, in fee Simple: A Certain Tract or piece of Land in Nantucket aforesaid at the South West part of the Town of Nantucket being layed and bounded as follows Vizt. On the East by Andrew Pinkham's Land, On the South by George Smith's Land, On the West by the High Way which is called Green Street, and on the North by Silver Street. Containing Fifteen Acres or thereabouts, be the Quantity more or Less; together with the Dwelling House which is standing on the said Land, which was built by Francis James, and by him sold to Gideon Randall and by the said Gideon Randall was sold to Charles Pitman and by the said Charles Pitman was sold to me the said Arnold Remsen together with the Fences and Out Houses with all the Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging of every kind and Nature whatsoever. To Have and to Hold the afore-granted Premises to the said Robert Brayton and Charles Pitman and to their Heirs and Assigns, to their Only Use and Behoof forever.

AND I do covenant with the said Robert Brayton and Charles Pitman and with their Heirs and Assigns, That I am lawfully seized in Fee of the afore-granted Premises; That they are free of all Incumbrances; That I have good Right to sell and convey the same to the said Robert Brayton and Charles Pitman Equally.

AND that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Robert Brayton and Charles Pitman and to their several Heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and Demands of all Persons.

In Witness whereof, I the said Arnold Remsen and my Wife Susanna Remsen have hereunto set our Hands and Seal this Fourth Day of August in the Year of our LORD One thousand eight hundred and Nine

Signed, sealed, and delivered in Presence of us,

Isaac Coffin  
John Foster Coffin

Arnold Remsen  
Susan Remsen

Nantucket Nantucket August 4. 1809. Then the above-named Arnold Remsen and Susanna Remsen his Wife acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free Act and Deed—before me,

Isaac Coffin

{ Just. of  
Peace.



Re<sup>d</sup> August 5<sup>th</sup> 1809  
Recorded in the Twenty first Book  
of Records for the County of Nantucket  
page 45-46 Will<sup>m</sup> Hapley Reg<sup>r</sup>

Arnold Remson to Robt. Brayton & Co  
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Robert Brayton and Angel  
Remson's Deed August 4<sup>th</sup> 1809  
and Charles Pitman's Deed



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# Know all Men by these Presents,—

That *I Arnold Ransom of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts* Maniner

have constituted, ordained and made, and in *my* Stead and Place put, and by these Presents do constitute, ordain and make, and in *my* Stead and Place put

*My Friend Robert Brayton of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts* Cooper

to be *my* true, sufficient and lawful Attorney, for *me* and in *my* Name and Stead, and to *my* Use, to ask, demand, levy, require, recover and receive of and from all and every Person or Persons whomsoever the same shall or may concern, all and singular Sum and Sums of Money, Debts, Goods, Wares, Merchandize, Effects and Things whatsoever, and wheresoever they shall and may be found due, owing, payable, belonging and coming unto *me* the Constituent, by any Ways and Means whatsoever, *Nothing Excepted or Reserved,*

*with full power and Authority to Buy or Sell Real Estate for me and to give and Execute good and Lawful Bills of Sale or Deeds of Conveyance to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, which shall be good and Valid in the Law, and as binding on me the Constituent, to all Intents and purposes whatsoever, as though I had Signed, Sealed, and Acknowledged the same, although the said Real Estate is not particularly mentioned and described in this Instrument, yet I rely on his Judgment, Discretion, and good management in the Business wholly.*

Giving and hereby granting unto *my* said Attorney *my* full and whole Strength, Power and Authority in and about the Premises; and to take and use all due Means, Course and Process in the Law for the obtaining and recovering the same; and of Recoveries and Receipts thereof, in *my* Name to make, seal and execute due Acquittance and Discharge; and for the Premises to appear, and the Person of *me* the Constituent to represent before any Governour, Judges, Justices, Officers and Ministers of the Law whatsoever, in any Court or Courts of Judicature, and there, on *my* Behalf, to answer, defend and reply unto all Actions, Causes, Matters and Things whatsoever, relating to the Premises. Also to submit any Matter in Dispute, to Arbitration or otherwise: With full Power to make and substitute one or more Attornies under *my* said Attorney, and the same again at Pleasure to revoke. And generally to say, do, act, transact, determine, accomplish, and finish all Matters and Things whatsoever, relating to the Premises, as fully, amply and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as *I* the said Constituent, if present, ought or might personally, although the Matter should require more special Authority than is herein comprised, *I* the said Constituent ratifying, allowing and holding firm and valid all and whatsoever *my* said Attorney or *his* Substitutes shall lawfully do, or cause to be done, in and about the Premises, by Virtue of these Presents. In Witness whereof, *I* have hereunto set *my* Hand and Seal the *Nineteenth* Day of *September*, in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and *Ten*.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in Presence of *us*

*Isaac Coffin*  
*John H. Coffin*

*Arnold Ransom*



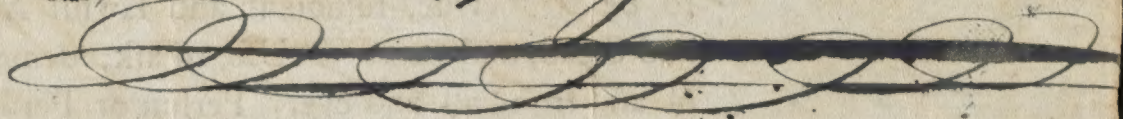


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Nantucket ss. Nantucket September 14: 1810.

Then Personally appeared before me the subscriber  
the within named Arnold Remson and he acknowledged  
the within Instrument called a Power of Attorney  
or Letter of Attorney bearing his Seal and Signature  
to be his free Voluntary Act and Deed.

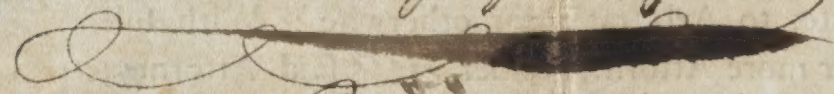
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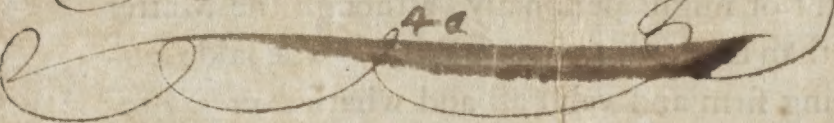
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Will<sup>m</sup> Hapley Reg<sup>r</sup>



Arnold Remson to Rob<sup>t</sup> Brayton

A Power Attorney



Robert Braytons Power  
of Attorney from  
Arnold Remson Dated  
September 14: 1810.



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That We George

Russell, Lemas Coffin Abiel Coffin Rachel Russell, Obed Mitchell  
Seth Folger and Shubael Folger of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket  
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and Silas Parker and Phebe Parker  
of New Bedford in the County of Bristol Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In Consideration of

paid by Robert Brayton of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket  
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cooper

the Receipt whereof We do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said

Robert Brayton his heirs and assigns forever in fee simple  
To Say all the Right title and Interest that we the said George  
Lemas, Abiel, Rachel, Silas and Phebe have in a certain  
Swamp in Nantucket aforesaid, which was formerly laid  
out to Samuel Gardner deceased, bounded as follows, on the  
West end on the North by Swamp belonging to the said Robert  
Brayton and on the East by Patey Easton, and on the South  
by others unknown to us. Containing forty Rods be the same  
more or less - and we the said Obed Mitchell, Seth Folger and Shuba-  
el Folger sell and convey all our Rights, title and Interest that  
we have in the said Swamp, which derived to us from Seth  
Folger deceased, and which the said Obed Mitchell purchased  
of the heirs of William Brunker - deceased including Benjamin  
Brunkers part. It is to be remembered that the said Seth  
and Shubael Folger sell eighty Rods. Together with  
the privileges and appertinances to the same belonging.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the afore-granted Premises to the said Robert Brayton  
his Heirs and Assigns, to his and their Use and Behoof forever.

And we do covenant with the said Robert Brayton  
his Heirs and Assigns, That we lawfully seized in Fee of the afore-granted Premises; That  
they are free of all Incumbrances; That we have good Right to sell and convey the same to  
the said Robert Brayton

And that we will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Robert Brayton  
his Heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and Demands of all Persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We the said George Russell Lemas Coffin, Abiel Coffin  
Rachel Russell, Obed Mitchell, Seth Folger, Shubael Folger, Silas  
Parker and Phebe Parker

have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this Thirtieth Day of

July in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eleven

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered  
in presence of us,

Josiah Parker -  
Seth Pinkham

George Russell

Rachel Russell

Lemas Coffin

Abiel Coffin

personally appeared the above named

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and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument to be  
Deed before me,

free Act and

John A. Williams } Witness to Silas  
Stephen West } Parker's signature

{ Just. of  
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Silas Parker

Obed Marshall witness to A. Mitchell

Nantucket Is. July 30. 1811 Then personally  
appeared the above named George Russell, Rachel  
Russell, Lemas Coffin & Abiel Coffin and Parker  
acknowledged the above written Instrument by  
them signed to be their free Act & Deed  
Before me Josiah Parker Gold Bean

Phebe Parker

Obed Mitchell

Seth Folger

Protest p. August 1. 1811. Silas Parker acknowledged  
the above Instrument to be his free Act and Deed  
Before me John A. Williams, Jr. Peace

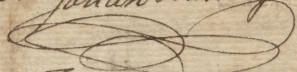
Shubael Folger

Thomas Starbuck a witness to Seth Folger

Paul Mitchell witness to Shubael Folger

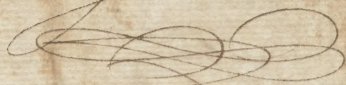


Nantucket Is. Aug<sup>st</sup> 27-1811 Then personally appeared the  
within named Obed Mitchell and Seth Folger and acknowledged  
the within written Instrument by them signed to be their free  
act and deed — Before me Josiah Barker J<sup>st</sup> Peace

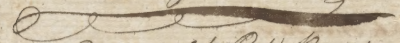



Nantucket Is. Sept<sup>r</sup> 30. 1811 Then personally appeared the  
within named Seth Folger and acknowledged the within  
written Instrument by him signed to be his free act and deed —

Before me Josiah Barker J<sup>st</sup> Peace



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Rec<sup>d</sup> November 23. 1811  
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Book of Records for the County  
of Nantucket page 41-42-43  
William Hapley Reg<sup>r</sup>  
  
G<sup>o</sup> Russell W<sup>o</sup> to Rob<sup>t</sup> Brayton  




# KNOW all Men by these Presents,

That I Charles Pitman of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cooper, For and

in Consideration of Three Hundred Dollars Current Money to me paid by Robert Brayton of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Cooper, Lawful Attorney of Arnold Remson of Nantucket aforesaid Manin the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have remised, released, and forever quit-claimed, and do, for my self and my Heirs, by these Presents, remise, release, and forever quit-claim unto the said Arnold Remson of Nantucket aforesaid His Heirs and Assigns, forever, the one Half of a Certain Dwelling House in Nantucket aforesaid together with One Half of the Land on which the same stands and Adjoining with one Half of the Fences and out buildings which is standing on the said Land together with the One Half of all the Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging the same as I bought it of the said Arnold Remson as by his Deed to me on the County Records of Nantucket, and more fully and at large appear Reference thereto being had

To HAVE and to HOLD the afore-mentioned Premises, with all the Privileges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, to Him the said Arnold Remson and to His Heirs and Assigns forever; so that neither I the said Charles Pitman nor my Heirs, or any other Person or Persons claiming from or under me or them, or in the Name, Right or Stead of me or them, shall or will, by any Way or Means, have, claim, or demand any Right or Title to the aforesaid Premises, or their Appurtenances, or to any Part or Parcel thereof, forever.

In Witness whereof, I the said Charles Pitman and Susanna Pitman my Wife have hereby Selling all our Right of Power and Power of things in said Dwelling House Land and Premises & have hereunto set our Hands and Seal this Fourth Day of November in the Year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Eleven

Signed, sealed, and delivered,  
in Presence of us,

Isaac Coffin

Lydia Coffin

William Pitman

Nantucket N. Nantucket November 4 1881. Then the above-named Charles Pitman and Susanna Pitman his Wife personally appeared and acknowledged the above Instrument to be their free Act and Deed—before me, Isaac Coffin { Just. of Peace.

Charles Pitman

Susanna Pitman



Pre<sup>d</sup> June 13 - 1812  
Recorded in the Twenty Second  
Book of Records for the County  
of Kentuckel page 161 -  
Will<sup>m</sup> Hays Reg<sup>r</sup>  
Charles Pittman to Robert Brayton  
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That *I Seth Jenkins Hussey* of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Mariner

in Consideration of *Sixty Eight Dollars fifty Cents* —  
to me paid by *Robert Brayton* of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket and Commonwealth aforesaid Cooper

the Receipt whereof *I* do hereby acknowledge, have remised, released, and forever quit-claimed, and do, for myself and my Heirs, by these Presents, remise, release, and forever quit-claim unto the said *Robert Brayton* his Heirs and Assigns, forever in fee simple, To say all my Right title and Interest I have or own in a Certain Swamp Commonly known by the Name of the *Hannah Dagget* Swamp near and to the Southward of *Daniel Allens* Dwelling House, half of which derived to me from my father *Seth Hussey* late of Nantucket deceased, and the other half of my right I purchased of *Peter Pollard* which derived to his wife from my father aforesaid. and is in the same Swamp which was laid out to *Silvanus Hussey* deceased, bounded as follows on the East by the heirs of *Barnabas* and *Mathaniel Coleman* deceased, and on the South by the *Barnards* share or Swamp, and on the West by the said *Robert Brayton* and on the North by *Daniel Allens* upland containing one hundred and Twenty Rods be the same more or less, and is in the division of Swamp called the *Hussey* division Reference thereto being had for a more and further Description of the same, Together with all the Privileges and Appurtenances to the same belonging —

TO HAVE and to HOLD the afore-mentioned Premises with all the Privileges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, to him the said *Robert Brayton* his Heirs and Assigns forever ; so that neither *I* the said *Seth Jenkins Hussey* nor my Heirs, or any other Person or Persons claiming from or under me or them, or in the Name, Right or Stead of me or them, shall or will, by any Way or Means, have, claim, or demand any Right or Title to the aforesaid Premises, or their Appurtenances, or to any Part or Parcel thereof, forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said *Seth Jenkins Hussey* and *Elizabeth Hussey* my wife she hereby Selling and Quit claiming all her Right of Dover therein — have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this *first* — Day of *August* — in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and *fourteen*

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
in Presence of us,  
*Sarah Barker*  
*Josiah Barker*

*Seth J Hussey*

Nantucket D. August 1 — 1814. Then

the above named *Seth Jenkins Hussey*  
acknowledged the above Instrument to be his free Act and  
Deed—before me,

*Josiah Barker* { Just of  
Peace.



Re August 1<sup>st</sup> 1814

Recorded in the twenty fourth Book of Records  
for the County of Hartford Page 146  
Latham Gardner Rec<sup>d</sup>

Recording 50 cents

John Hussy Rec<sup>d</sup>  
Shelton Burying



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That I <sup>8.</sup>  
Prince Gardner of Nantucket in the County of  
Nantucket and Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Merchant

in Consideration of <sup>Seven Dollars</sup>  
paid by Robert Brayton of said Nantucket Cooper

the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said  
Robert Brayton a certain piece of Land in said Nantucket  
at a place called the Levi Swamp and is part of that piece  
which was formerly laid out to George Gardner and  
George Bunker and is what I bought of Silas Gardner  
containing twenty seven Rods more or less being all  
that I bought of Silas Gardner

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the afore-granted Premises to the said Robert Brayton  
his Heirs and Assigns, to his and their Use and Behoof forever.

AND I do covenant with the said Robert Brayton  
his Heirs and assigns, That I am lawfully seized in Fee of the afore-granted Premises; That  
they are free of all Incumbrances; That I have good Right to sell and convey the same to the  
said Robert Brayton in manner aforesaid

AND that I will warrant and defend the same Premises to the said Robert Brayton  
his Heirs and Assigns forever, against the lawful Claims and Demands of all Persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I the said Prince Gardner and Priscilla  
Gardner Wife of the said Prince Gardner hereby giving  
claim to my right of Dower in the said Swamp  
have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this <sup>fifth</sup> Day of  
the eighth month in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and fourteen

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered  
in Presence of us,

Walter Dodge Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Prince Gardner Jun<sup>r</sup>

Prince Gardner  
Priscilla Gardner

Nantucket N. August 8<sup>th</sup> 1844. Then  
personally appeared the above named Prince Gardner  
and Priscilla Gardner his Wife  
and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument to be their free Act and  
Deed—before me,

Josiah Barker { Just of  
Peace.



Rec<sup>d</sup> August 6<sup>th</sup> 1814

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Book of Records for the County  
of Kentuck page 130-131-  
Will m Hussey Reg<sup>r</sup>

Prince Gard<sup>r</sup> to Robt. Brayton  
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That *I Rachael*

*Austin of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket*  
and Commonwealth of Massachusetts *Widow and*  
*Administratrix upon the Goods and estate of Joseph Austin*  
*late of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket Merchant deceased*  
have constituted, ordained and made, and in my *my* Stead and Place put, and by  
these Presents do constitute, ordain and make, and in my Stead and Place put

*Robert Brynton of New Bedford in the County*  
*of Bristol Merchant*

to be my true, sufficient and lawful Attorney, for me and in my Name  
and Stead, and to my Use, to demand, sue for, recover

and receive of *I from Jeremiah Austin of Nantucket*  
in the County of Nantucket Merchant, all  
Monies, Goods & effects due from the said  
Jeremiah to the Estate of the said Joseph  
Austin (deceased), and to the said Rachael in  
her said capacity of Administratrix.

Giving and hereby granting unto my said Attorney my full and whole  
Strength, Power and Authority in about the Premises; and to take and use  
all due Means, Course and Process in the Law for the obtaining and recovering  
the same; and of Recoveries and Receipts thereof, in my Name to make, seal  
and execute due Acquittance and Discharge; and for the Premises to appear,  
and the person of me the Constituent to represent before any Governour,  
Judges, Justices, Officers and Ministers of the Law whatsoever, in any Court or  
Courts of Judicature, and there, on my Behalf, to answer, defend and reply unto  
all Actions, Causes, Matters and Things whatsoever, relating to the Premises.  
Also to submit any Matter in Dispute to Arbitration or otherwise: With full  
Power to make and substitute one or more Attornies under my said Attorney,  
and the same again at pleasure to revoke. And generally to say, do, act, transact,  
determine, accomplish and finish all Matters and Things whatsoever, relating to  
the Premises, as fully, amply and effectually, to all Intents and Purposes, as I  
the said Constituent, if present, ought or might personally, although the Matter  
should require more special Authority than is herein comprised, I the said Con-  
stituent ratifying, allowing and holding firm and valid all and whatsoever my  
said Attorney or her Substitutes shall lawfully do, or cause to be done, in and  
about the Premises, by Virtue of these Presents. In witness whereof, I have  
hereunto set my Hand and Seal the *Fifteenth* Day of *September*  
in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and *Nineteen*.

*Rachael Austin*

Signed, Sealed and delivered  
in presence of

*Joseph Hussey*  
*Notary Public*

*May McNeil*

*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Nantucket 15 September 1819*  
*Before me Rachael Austin*  
*Administratrix upon the Goods and estate of Joseph Austin*  
*late of Nantucket in the County of Nantucket Merchant deceased*  
*who has acknowledged the power of Attorney to her*  
*and has hereunto set her Hand and Seal in presence of*



KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT

James M. Smith, of the County of ... State of ... do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original thereof as the same appears by the records of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 18...

James M. Smith, County Clerk

Attest my hand and seal of office this ... day of ... 18...



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INQUIRER OFFICE, Nantucket,  
Wednesday, Feb. 21st, 4 o'clock, P. M.

**Heart-rending Occurrence—The Asylum  
for the Poor Burned to the ground!—  
TEN of the Inmates consumed in the  
Flames!!**

It is our painful duty to record one of the most distressing occurrences that ever took place upon the Island of Nantucket, and we sincerely pray that we may never be called upon again to note one attended with like consequences.

About 2 o'clock, this morning, a fire broke out in the Asylum for the Poor, some 3 miles from town, and in the course of two hours, the building was burnt to the ground. So rapidly did the fire spread, that those in the house were unable to save any of their effects—and awful to relate, ten of the inmates, were ~~BURNED TO DEATH~~. One of those burnt (Lydia Bowen,) had carried her child to a place of safety, and returned to try to save something, but did not herself again escape the devouring flames. There were fifty nine persons in the house, besides the family of Capt. Timothy Bunker, the Keeper. Capt. B. lost all his effects and 40 dollars in money. There were 13 of the paupers bed-ridden—one of them we were told, had not walked for about 20 years.

The names of those burned are Paul Jenkins, aged 66; Thomas Hull, 67; Jonathan Cathcart, 79; William Holmes, 51; Wm. Hutchins; Sophia Beebe, aged 57; Phebe Jones, 80; Abigail Davis, 87; Lydia Bowen, 33; Wealthy Davis, 53—five men and five women.

This forenoon we visited the scene of destruction, and it was a scene that would have moved a heart of stone. There was a heap of ruins to mark the spot where the late spacious house stood, and every thing denoted ruin and destruction. Many of the paupers were making the best of their way to the house formerly used as an Asylum, which served as a shelter for many of them. Some of them looked bewildered, as though they could scarcely realize their narrow escape. Old and infirm as many of them were, it seems a miracle that so many escaped with their lives. One lad jumped from the third story window, and escaped without injury. Another jumped from the second story window, also without being injured. One man lowered himself to the ground by means of a sheet, which he tore in strips and tied together.

The roads being very bad, and it being apparent that by the time an engine could get there, the house would be consumed, the attempt to drag one thither was not made. Great numbers of our citizens instantly repaired to the scene of action, to render such assistance as was possible. Good service was rendered by those living on the adjacent farms; Mr Charles A. Burgess, in particular, we heard named, as having been the means of saving several lives; straining himself severely in so doing. One of the pauper inmates—a woman, named Phebe Lovelliss,—also personally rescued two or three persons, at the imminent risk of her own life.—Mr. Burgess, by means of a ladder, stove in a window of the 3d story, and here found an old man and his wife in bed. He informed them of their danger, and the man got out; but the woman refused to move.—Mr. B. took her out of bed, got her on the ladder, and conveyed her in safety to the ground, she struggling all the while to prevent him from accomplishing his benevolent purpose—this deed of daring.

We saw what remained of the body of Lydia Bowen, burnt to a cinder. Parts of some of the other persons consumed, had also been collected and placed under a shed, previous to interment; forcibly admonishing the beholder, of the uncertainty of the time and the manner, in which ~~he may be called upon to yield up his~~. Such a sad and sickening sight we never before beheld, and God grant that we may never see another such sight.

The Fire is supposed to have originated in the Cook Room, and was not discovered until the inmates were nearly suffocated.

A meeting of the citizens was called this morning, at 8 o'clock, to adopt such measures as the exigency of the case might require.—The Selectmen and Capt. Job Coleman, the Acting-Overseer of the Poor, last year, were joined with the Overseers of the Poor, to use such measures as they thought proper for the present comfort of the paupers, and also, to report at the adjournment of the meeting on Saturday next, a plan for their future disposition. A Committee of Inquiry respecting the origin of the fire, was also appointed.

The old Asylum is being fitted up and put in comfortable order, for the accommodation of the same different arrangements are made, any



